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FCC Chairman Ajit Pai
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The Necessity of Net Neutrality

Dear FCC Chairman Ajit Pai,

As a high school student, the future status of net neutrality is a topic of concern. I am heavily reliant upon the internet for education and for recreational use. After long hours of schoolwork, I look forward to playing video games or watching videos on Youtube.

Eliminating net neutrality can cause an undesirable outcome for everything that I do and every other person in the United States. The citizens of the United States of America not only want net neutrality, we need net neutrality.

Once the ISPs start the discrimination against competitors, the average US citizen can do nothing but watch helplessly as their Netflix stream starts buffering because his or her ISP has decided to support Hulu instead.

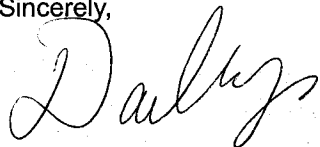
If Steam, a free game distribution platform, forces users to pay for membership, it will deter people from gaming. The gaming industry-which employed 146,000 people and generated over \$6.2 billion to US Gross Domestic Product in 2012- cannot be lost in the attempt to create jobs in another industry.

What if a man uses Netflix and Steam, and his ISP supports Netflix but puts a data cap on Steam? If he finds a service that supports both Netflix and Steam, but can't afford it, then he has to sacrifice one for the other. It is just one of many scenarios that exemplifies why Americans need net neutrality.

Net neutrality is not a privilege; it is a right. America is "the land of the free" and should therefore have free internet access. Net neutrality has allowed millions of people access to content all across the web, with no regards to their wealth or background. This unfettered access has allowed many businesses to rise up from the ground.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I believe in the necessity of net neutrality for the average American and for businesses. I hope my words will cause some change to your legislations.

Sincerely,



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